

in the State of California since 1972. He also is a member of ASCE and APWA.

David's tireless work and unwavering loyalty will long be remembered. His commitment to the excellence of the District has contributed immeasurably to the betterment of Riverside County. His involvement in the community makes me proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that the District and many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he retires.

CONGRATULATING THE TAMPA  
BAY BUCCANEERS FOR WINNING  
SUPER BOWL XXXVII

SPEECH OF

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 29, 2003*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I dare not say that it is with great pride that I rise today in support of the resolution offered by my good friend from Tampa, Mr. DAVIS. After all, I am a Miami Dolphins fan. However, it is with high regard, as well as a bit of shock, that I rise today to honor the Super Bowl XXXVII champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers. As a Floridian, I share in Mr. DAVIS' excitement. For who would have ever thought that the Buccaneers would ever make it to the Super Bowl, let alone win it?

But seriously, Mr. Speaker, all of us need to tip our hats in admiration of the accomplishments made by the 2002–2003 Buccaneer team. As I said to one of my staffers on Monday morning, "Yeah, Oakland didn't really show up to play, but could you believe the Bucs' defense?" Not since the Steelers' Iron Curtain defense of the 1970s has the National Football League seen a defense as dominating as the Tampa Bay defenses of the late 1990s through this past season. Credit must be given to those who deserve it, and the Buccaneer defense is where credit is due. The team's defensive leaders such as Warren Sapp, Simeon Rice, Greg Spires, Ronde Barber, John Lynch, Dwight Smith, and the Super Bowl Most Valuable Player, Dexter Jackson, are to be truly credited for leading the team that everyone wanted to win, but no one thought could, to a Super Bowl championship.

No pun intended, Mr. Speaker, but the buck didn't stop at Tampa's defense. The team's offense was equally impressive. Quarterback Brad Johnson, running backs Michael Pittman, Mike Alstott, and wide receivers Keenan McCardell, Joe Jurevicius, and Keyshawn Johnson were virtually unstoppable. Who would have ever thought that a team like the Buccaneers, built for defense but capable of an offensive explosion, would ever register 48 points against a relatively good Oakland Raider defense? I certainly didn't.

Additionally, I commend Tampa head coach Jon Gruden and his entire coaching staff, especially longtime Tampa Defensive Coordinator Monte Kiffin, for a job well done. As a Miami fan, I hope that Coach Kiffin finds his way into a head-coaching job out of the state of Florida. Frankly, the Dolphins and Jacksonville Jaguars are itching to regain the title of "Florida's Best NFL Team." Finally, I would be remiss if I sit down before honoring the work

that had been done by Tampa's previous coach, Tony Dungy. Coach Dungy built the Tampa team that won last weekend, and he is as deserving as anyone of credit for the Super Bowl victory.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I remind the gentleman from Tampa, Mr. DAVIS, that the greatest team in NFL history was a team that went 17–0 from a little city in South Florida that we call Miami. The 1972 Dolphins, now that team was perfect. Nonetheless, today is about the Buccaneers. Therefore, today, I congratulate the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for winning Super Bowl XXXVII. As for tomorrow, Mr. Speaker, well, go Dolphins!

IN HONOR OF DR. MARY EMILY  
MILLER

**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 5, 2003*

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Mary Emily Miller of The Miller Farm, this year's recipient of the Special Family Business Longevity Award from the Delaware Small Business Development Center Network.

As you know, small businesses such as The Miller Farm, have always been extremely important to the economic vitality of each State and to our national economy. Small businesses account for the majority of all new jobs being created daily, and provide opportunities for millions of people to earn a living and provide financial stability for their families. Through Dr. Miller's guidance, The Miller Farm has distinguished itself as a leader amongst small businesses in Delaware by offering a valuable service and maintaining a high level of customer satisfaction.

Throughout my years in public service I have consistently counted Delaware's small businesses to be amongst the very best in the Country, and recognition of The Miller Farm by the Delaware SBDC Network, in my mind, confirms this belief.

Dr. Miller's accomplishments and innovative leadership in the small business community have placed The Miller Farm in a position to rise above and meet the challenges of the future; I commend her on her receipt of this award and wish her continued success.

HONORING J. "RICK"  
RICCIARDELLI

**HON. PETER DEUTSCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 5, 2003*

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. J. "Rick" Ricciardelli, a former North Miami councilman, civic leader, and a great Floridian. Born in 1923, Ricciardelli joined the marines where he fought in World War II as a young man. Soon after returning from Europe, he became commander of the North Miami AMVETS, the first chapter in South Florida, and later became vice commander of the national veterans organization.

Arriving in North Miami with his family in 1947, Ricciardelli became involved in local

community projects and was elected to the North Miami Council in 1950. In addition to being an active council member, Ricciardelli also served as city judge and police commissioner. As a result of his dedication to his community, the bridge on Northwest 125th Street now bears his name due to his efforts in helping to build it.

In his professional life, Ricciardelli managed two very successful insurance companies, Underwriters Financial of Florida and Specialty Insurance Underwriters. In 1977, he served as chair to the Florida Insurance Fraud Committee, where he led a statewide operation to protect consumers and halt the practice of insurance fraud.

Not to be forgotten, Mr. Ricciardelli was devoted to his family and community. He was known to raise money for various charitable groups, and he was involved with the Boys Town of Italy. His exemplary work and his kind generosity afforded him the distinction of being knighted by the Italian government.

Mr. Speaker, it is indeed a special occasion to stand here and honor Mr. Ricciardelli. His commitment to the people of North Miami and to all Floridians serves as an example to us all.

Mr. Ricciardelli is survived by his wife Debbie, and daughters Peggy Appler, Nancy Corbin, Vikki McGowan, Denice Strniste, and Rikki Southworth. He is also survived by sisters Mary Webb, Gloria Fusco, and Virginia Papale.

WELCOMING HIS MAJESTY KING  
HAMAD BIN ISA AL-KHALIFA ON  
THE OCCASION OF HIS VISIT TO  
THE UNITED STATES

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 5, 2003*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend a warm welcome to His Majesty Shaikh Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, on the occasion of his visit to the United States.

The ties between our countries have spanned more than a century, beginning with the establishment of the first American hospital in the region at the turn of the 20th century. When Bahrain became the first Gulf Cooperation Council member to discover oil, it was with the aid of American technology and expertise.

On January 1, 1949, an important alliance began between the United States and Bahrain with the establishment of the Navy's first command in the Middle East—Persian Gulf Area Command. On August 16, 1949, this command was renamed the Middle East Force. This was a vital outpost throughout the cold war and contributed to the success of democracy over communism. The Middle East Force ships were the first United States military units to take action following the August 1990 invasion of Kuwait when they began Maritime Interception Operations in support of United Nations Sanctions against Iraq.

In January 1991, with the beginning of Operation Desert Storm, the Middle East Force was absorbed into United States Naval Forces Central Command, which is responsible for all United States Military activity in the Middle